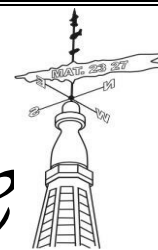

The Weathervane



RAYMOND VILLAGE COMMUNITY CHURCH, United Church of Christ Newsletter

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From the Pastor . . .

Dear RVCC Family and Friends,

When you read this month's newsletter, I will be in Germany visiting my mother who is very ill. I am filled with gratitude for Caryl Gilman who will be leading worship on Sunday, August 1st.

Rev. Leslie Ann Chatfield will be covering pastoral emergencies while I am away from Friday, July 30th until Wednesday, August 4th. She can be reached at (207) 841-5276.

My Mom continues to appreciate all your prayers. Thank you for your support during this challenging time for our family.

After leading worship on August 8th, I will be joining my family on Cape Cod for our summer vacation. Below is the schedule for pastoral emergencies:

Rev. Alison Curry will cover August 9th through August 17th
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Rev. Marcia Charles will cover August 18th through August 23th
revmcharles@gmail.com home: 207 894 2414 or cell: 207 400 1162

Rev. Jane Macintyre will cover August 24th through August 29th
jcmacintyre@gmail.com home: 207 627 4095 Cell: 774 266 4786

In the meantime, I want to leave something fun for you to do. A compilation of various statements when some of you contributed to the weekly all church e-mail "Who's Who?" this past winter is on page 5. The answer key is included in the newsletter on page 6. Enjoy!

*Blessings,
Pastor Petra*

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This Month at RVCC . . .

August 1, 2021-	10:00 a.m. – Worship led by Caryl Gilman
August 8, 2021-	10:00 a.m. – Worship – Communion Sunday
August 10, 2021-	2:00 p.m. – Knitting Group
August 14, 2021-	5:00 p.m. – Drive Thru Pot Roast Supper
August 15, 2021-	10:00 a.m. – Worship
August 22, 2021-	10:00 a.m. – Worship
August 24, 2021-	2:00 p.m. – Knitting Group
August 29, 2021-	10:00 a.m. – Worship

The August 8 service will be recorded and may be viewed on our YouTube channel at:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCc1hBkBTarnZF-H4O7YN5ew>

Please join us for Coffee Hour after Worship!

Line Dancing is every Monday, Thursday and Friday from 10:00 – 11:30 a.m. in the Vestry.

The Knitting Group meets on the second and fourth Tuesday of the month from 2:00 – 3:30 p.m.

A meal is prepared in the Vestry for the food pantry on the second Thursday of the month.



Please keep the following people in your prayers:

Amanda, Michael Cadotte, Louise Doyle,
Polly Dyer, Christine Eldridge, Linda Eldridge,
Anne Hodgman, Kaleigh Leighton, Mike Lindell,
Cherie Moore, Walt Read, Charlotte Rowe,
Frank Sullivan, Dan Tibbetts, Penny Warrikoff,
Janet Walker, Adma Willis

August Lectionary Lessons

August 1, 2021 – Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

2 Samuel 11:26 - 12:13a
Psalm 51:1-12
Exodus 16:2-4, 9-15
Psalm 78:23-29
Ephesians 4:1-16
John 6:24-35

August 8, 2021 – Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

2 Samuel 18:5-9, 15, 31-33
Psalm 130
1 Kings 19:4-8
Psalm 34:1-8
Ephesians 4:25-5:2
John 6:35, 41-51

August 15, 2021 – Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

1 Kings 2:10-12; 3:3-14
Psalm 111
Proverbs 9:1-6
Psalm 34:9-14
Ephesians 5:15-20
John 6:51-58

August 22, 2021 – Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

1 Kings 8:(1,6,10-11), 22-30, 41-43
Psalm 84
Joshua 24:1-2a, 14-18
Psalm 34:15-22
Ephesians 6:10-20
John 6:56-69

August 29, 2021 – Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Song of Solomon 2:8-13
Psalm 45:1-2, 6-9
Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9
Psalm 15
James 1:17-27
Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

RVCC Pot Roast Suppers Continue!



Our next supper is:

August 14, 2021

Same good food, pot roast and gravy, potatoes, green beans, carrots, a roll, and a brownie for \$12. (Cash or checks only. No credit cards.) Meals are take out only. We are taking orders for meals for pick up between 5:00 and 6:30PM that Saturday. They will be hot and ready to take home! Please order in advance! We will likely NOT have extra meals available.

To order your meals please call the RVCC office at 655-7749 and leave a message with your name, number of meals and time you will pick up. Or if you prefer you can send an e-mail to office@rvccme.org with the information.

We will continue to have monthly “take out” suppers into the Fall, so save the following dates:

September 11, 2021

October 9, 2021

Missions Corner

Our mission for the month of August will be to collect white tube socks or crew socks for **Grace Street ministry**. They are an outreach ministry in downtown Portland, offering a consistent, compassionate presence to the homeless and marginalized. As part of their ministry, the pastors distribute simple items like underwear, sweatpants/shirts and socks. Last year we donated 60 pairs of socks. Let's see what we can do this year!

Where to buy white socks & specifically diabetic socks (greatly needed): Walmart
More information about Grace Street Ministry at <https://www.gracestreetministry.org/>

Raymond Food Pantry continues to have a lower than average number of patrons this summer. Both patrons and volunteer staff were thankful for the **meatloaf** the first pantry of July. THANK YOU!

Summer Music Continues . . .

August 1 through September 5:

- Katherine Rhoda will join us as our musician for August 1 and 29. She has a beautiful voice. She specializes in heartfelt music fostering authentic human connection. She plays marxophone, violin-guitar, harpeleik, and more. ***She would feel much more comfortable in our sanctuary if we all wear a mask and not sing. She will sing wearing a mask. We hope you understand that, regardless of CDC or government guidance, everyone has a different comfort level.***

Thanks

- Aban Zirikly will join us for August 8, which is communion Sunday, playing piano and violin
- Patrick Martin will return for August 15 and 22
- Sigrid Sibley will sing and play the guitar and/or mandolin on September 5

We are so lucky to have these talented musicians play for us this summer!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

We wish everyone with a birthday in August a very happy birthday!

August 5
August 5
August 7
August 17
August 17

Deb Feagans
Judy Munson
Angela St. Pierre
Polly Dyer
Linda Eldridge



HANNAFORD GROCERY CARDS

We have Hannaford shopping cards available for purchase in denominations of \$100 and \$50. Every \$100 you purchase means RVCC gets \$5. You buy the card for \$100, you buy \$100 worth of groceries and RVCC gets \$5!!! How great is that? I am available to get cards to you. Just send me an e-mail (bolsen001@maine.rr.com) or give me a call (207-838-0123). Thanks! Brenda

RVCC New Pianist

I am pleased to announce that on September 12th, 2021 we will be introducing **Michael Bostock** as our new full-time pianist.

Michael is a very talented and highly regarded musician. He performs with the Portland Conservatory of Music, Marston-Kotzschmar Music Club, and Portland Youth Wind Ensemble among others. He has also received numerous awards for his playing ability. We hope you will reach out to welcome him into our church family.

At this time, I would also like to thank those that formed the search committee. Together, we worked to bring Michael forward as our new pianist. I would specifically like to thank **Caryl Gilman, Lori Lambert, Craig Messinger, Alice Olford and Pastor Petra Smyth.**

With Great Appreciation,

Thomas L. Wiley
Moderator

Who is Who? Match the letter of correct name with the comments below

#	SOMTHING OTHERS MAY NOT KNOW ABOUT ME?	MATCH	#	NAMES
1	I took ballroom dancing and played tuba in the marching band		A	Bob Yates
2	I got baptized at the Raymond lake on Easter Sunday		B	Caryl Gilman
3	The weirdest job I had was polishing 3 octaves of hand bells		C	Lori Lambert
4	I worked rescue with Raymond Fire/Rescue		D	Tom Wiley
5	I am glad when I talk with people and can make them laugh and feel at ease		E	Sarah Allen
6	If given a chance I would like to be a professional guitar player for a day		F	Alice Richards
7	The weirdest job I have had is wrapping donuts for the Portland School system		G	Martha Morrison
8	The most important innovation is definitely the "AED" (Automated External Defibrillator)		H	Polly Dyer
9	I was a bowler-a very good bowler and our team took frist place a lot		I	Chan Roach
10	My weirdest job was hoeing sugar beets		J	Judy Munson
11	My proudest moment was preaching for my son's installation service		K	Nancy Yates
12	I helped deliver a baby in Augsburg, Germany		L	Scott Smyth
13	I love to read, play the piano, play dolls and paper dolls		M	Catherine Barry
14	At age 10 I was a tomboy. Playing ball, fishing, riding my bike everywhere		N	Craig Messinger
15	I spent two weeks in a mangrove swamp mapping the bottome terrain of the swamp		O	Frank Sullivan
16	For one day I think I would choose Mother Theresa, just to see what it's like to care about people that deeply		P	Roy Lindell
17	At this point, just a normal grandmother, able to see and enjoy all 8 of her grands all together for a day		Q	Brenda Olsen
18	The cell phone has been the most important innovation in my lifetime. It is not just a device for conversation but also for banking, photos, monitoring health issues, and more!		R	Cherie Moore

Knitting & Crocheting Group

Our knitting and crocheting group has been meeting in the re-painted Sunday School room next to the furnace room. As the weather grows warmer, we will meet outside if possible. We meet on the second and fourth Tuesday of the month from 2:00 – 3:30 p.m. We will continue to follow all necessary COVID protocols to keep everyone safe. Here are some other instructions

- Please bring your own folding chair.
- Masks are optional once you are inside.
- Please keep a safe social distance.
- Bathrooms in the Vestry will be available.
- Please stay home if you are not feeling well or have been in contact with someone who has the coronavirus.

REMINDER . . .

Due to Pastor Petra travelling to Germany to spend time with her ill mother, we will celebrate Communion Sunday on August 8, 2021 rather than August 1.

The August 8 service will be the only service recorded and posted to YouTube for the month of August.

LINE DANCING, YEAAAH!!!!

The Raymond Village Community Church council has approved us for starting dancing again the week of July 12!! Classes will be in the Church Vestry Monday, Thursday and Friday. Friday being beginner and a slower pace. All classes will run from 10:00-11:30.

Masks will be optional. If you are fully vaccinated, you do not need to wear one, but feel free to do so if you are more comfortable. If you are not vaccinated, church policy is that you please wear a mask throughout the building. Looking forward to seeing some new faces as well as our dedicated familiar ones. Lets get moving!!

Your instructor: Rachel Knights, 207-655-4284, email: rachelscountryhearts@yahoo.com.

ANSWER KEY

MATCHING NAME

1	F	Alice Richards
2	O	Frank Sullivan
3	G	Martha Morrison
4	A	Bob Yates
5	H	Polly Dyer
6	L	Scott Smyth
7	E	Sarah Allen
8	D	Tom Wiley
9	M	Catherine Barry
10	K	Nancy Yates
11	I	Chan Roach
12	P	Roy Lindell
13	R	Cherie Moore
14	Q	Brenda Olsen
15	B	Caryl Gilman
16	N	Craig Messinger
17	J	Judy Munson
18	C	Lori Lambert

Moderator Musings



What does music mean to you? I know it means a lot to me. Matter of fact, I have the 70's station playing on my Sirius XM radio now as I write this. I grew up with all kinds of music. There was usually a radio playing in the kitchen and in the living room or dining room was always family console. Not quite a Victrola but definitely much different than today. Hence the Bluetooth and the Sirius XM Radio App.

How about waiting for American Bandstand on Saturday afternoons and then following up later in the day with Hee Haw and Lawrence Welk? And I am not sure if there are too many out there who know what Dick Stacey's County Jamboree was if I mentioned it. (Hint, it was local County music show on one of the TV stations in Bangor. I bet many more are used to the Dave Astor show. A local teen dance program on one of the Portland TV stations in the 60's. I know many people I work with speak of that as a musical memory. How has music impacted your life? I bet we will find that we all have some common interests and a wide variety of genres.

And I bet one of those commonalities is music on Sunday mornings at church this summer!!! Beside the melodic tones of Pastor Petra, we have had a wide variety of musician's entertain us this summer.

We have or will enjoy the skills of Katherine Rhoda, Aban Zirikly, Gary Wittner, and Sigrid Sibley on one or more occasions this summer. And we know our summer music program would not be complete without the return of Patrick Martin to help us fill many of the gaps.

Once again Patrick has shown us his magical skills both on the keyboard and with his signing. If you missed his postlude of "A Bridge over Troubled Water" than you should try to catch it on one of the videos this summer, I know for me it was one of the highlights of the summer. Patrick will be back behind the keyboard on August 15th and August 22nd for the final time this summer. Please join us on those days as we acknowledge our appreciation for the worship music he has shared and spearheaded this summer.

And this musical program could not have happened without the dedication of Caryl Gilman who helped coordinate this program for us. She did a great job of juggling our needs with the availability of the different musicians, to offer us a complete program. Caryl, THANK YOU and BRAVO on a job well done.

And come September 12th, we will be continuing the mastery of music for our Sunday worships with our new Pianist, Michael Bostock. If you have not had a chance to hear any of his selections the past few weeks, we can't wait to have you hear him when he begins. We look forward to you joining us on that day as we welcome him at that time as our full-time pianist.

How has music impacted your life? Do you remember the Dave Astor or Dick Stacey show? Then let me know. While others tickle the black and white keys, I'll just stick to the computer keyboard. You'll appreciate that!!!!

Tom Wiley Moderator



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